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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2009. Claims 1-20 were originally presented. Claims 21-24 were previously added. Claims 1-24, therefore, are the claims pending for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR §1.112, are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Also, a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences is enclosed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.